

REMARKS

The application was filed with claims 1-78.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 13-15, 55-57, and 76-78 are cancelled. The subject matter of claims 13-15 have been incorporated into claims 1-3, respectively. The subject matter of claims 55-57 has been incorporated into claims 43-45, respectively. Claims 76-78 have been replaced with new claims 79-81, combining the subject matter of claims 76-78 with the subject matter of claims 43-45, respectively. New claims 78-81 have been presented in order to avoid any confusion as to the parenthetical bracketing.

A replacement Abstract of the Disclosure is provided.

The Official Action rejected claims 61-69 under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Official Action pointed out that the dependency of these claims needed to be revised.

The claims have been revised as required to remedy the stated bases of rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is solicited.

The Official Action objected to claims 28-30 as not further limiting the claim from which they depend. These claims have been amended so as to overcome the basis for objection.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 13-27, 52-60, and 76-78 were directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including the recitations of the base and any intervening claims. Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 61-69 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejection and to include all the recitations of the base and any intervening claims.

In reliance thereupon, independent claims 1-3 have been amended so as to include the recitations of allowable claims 13-15. Allowance of claims 1-3 and the claims depending therefrom is respectfully requested.

Similarly, claims 43-45 have been amended to include the recitations of allowable claims 55-57. Claims 52-54 have been amended to be in independent form. New claims 79-81 are a combination of claims 43-45 together with allowable claims 76-78.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 43-45, 52-54, and 79-81 is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims depending therefrom is also requested.

In view of the above, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

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Please charge the fee of \$504 for ~~the same~~ independent claims added herewith, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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